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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an indictment¹ against Kendall Jamal McGill and Richard Rivera Jr., charging then with conspiring to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery, attempted interference with interstate commerce by robbery, and with using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. These offenses arise from the defendants' participation in the October 9, 2008 attempted armed robbery of the Denim Blue Store, located at 6910 Torresdale Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during which a store employee was shot in the leg.

DEFENDANT	CITY	AGE
Kendall Jamal McGill	Philadelphia, PA	20
Richard Rivera Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	20

If convicted of all charges, each defendant faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment, five years supervised release, a \$750,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and the Philadelphia Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joan E. Burnes.

¹An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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